

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The first organizational meeting of the First Swedish Baptist Church in Sioux Falls was held May 19, 1883, at the home of Peter Colvin; and,

WHEREAS, The original eight charter members held their first worship service May 20, 1883, at the foot of the Sioux Falls on the Sioux River; and,

WHEREAS, This first service was a Baptismal Service, and, according to historical documents, "A large and eager crowd gathered to see such a strange and unusual sight;" and,

WHEREAS, The First Swedish Baptist Church changed its name to the Central Baptist Church in 1920; and,

WHEREAS, The Central Baptist Church sojourned to two church homes before purchasing a building from the First Baptist Church on Labor Day, 1951, at 8th and Spring; and,

WHEREAS, The Central Baptist Church was one of the first churches organized in Sioux Falls and one of the oldest in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Central Baptist Church is celebrating its centennial with special activities being conducted throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, The theme for the Central Baptist Church's 100th Anniversary Celebration is, "In his Hand . . . by His hand," expressing the congregation's deep dependence upon God for the past and confidence in God for the future; and,

WHEREAS, Today's 1,030 members continue the work of the Central Baptist Church by teaching hope, faith and love to South Dakotans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 14-15, 1983, as

#### CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH DAYS

In South Dakota, and join with members and friends of the Church in celebrating its gift to the Sioux Falls community through a century of sacred service.



ATTEST:

*Alice Kundert*  
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

*William J. Janklow*  
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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